

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

57

Roll Call

Present

Mr. Dunham
Mr. Sanchelli
Mr. Birmingham
Vice President Merz
President Yocum
Township Attorney, Lawrence Cohen
Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Absent

Mrs. Harvin said, "Let the record show that Administrator, James Leach, is present. Also present is Freeholder Douglas Cabana.

Salute to the Flag

Notice of Presiding Officer

President Yocum said, "This Regular Council meeting for May 20, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p.m. has been properly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by notice to the official newspapers of the Township on May 14, 2015."

Morris County Freeholders' Budget Subcommittee, Douglas Cabana 2015 Budget Presentation

Freeholder Douglas Cabana presented an overview of the 2015 County Budget. Highlights of the Morris County Budget included: No Operating Budget Tax Increase; Continued Shared Services for other Counties and Municipalities; Increases in Service Demand for those in need of emergency assistance. The Introduced budget for 2015 is \$329,353,292; which includes: \$5.5M for State Human Services and Mental Health needs; \$1.8M in Debt Service; \$1.3M for additional staff to service "at risk" and "vulnerable" populations through the Office of Temporary Assistance; \$1.2M in anticipated salary adjustments; \$.9M Group Insurance; \$.3 various Human Service Programs; \$.2 for CCM. Freeholder Cabana highlighted the services provided by the County and the financial strength of the County's Budget through strategic planning. The Council thanked Freeholder Cabana for his presentation and for traveling to Jefferson.

Proclamation for Parents Who Host Lose the Most

(57-A)

Councilwoman Merz read the Proclamation for Parents Who Host Lose the Most and presented it to a representative from the Municipal Alliance. Signs and stickers are available for residents to display during this prom and summer season.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

May 6, 2015

Regular

Merz Absent

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Not Voting
President Yocum	Aye

May 6, 2015

Executive

Merz and Sanchelli Absent

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Not Voting
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Not Voting
President Yocum	Aye

Council Reports

Dunham reported that he attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Matthew Burger. Dunham reported that he attended the Budget Committee meeting with Merz and Eagen this evening.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

58

Birmingham reported that he also attended the Matthew Burger's Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Birmingham said that he has obtained the Resolution supporting the change in the Federal Law to ensure that VFW's are eligible for Community Development Funding.

Birmingham reported that he attended the Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet meeting in Denville. Birmingham said that a new company has taken over the testing of the Rockaway River and Jefferson has the most sites for sampling. The site with the purest water continues to be located at Russia Brook and the most troublesome site is located at Longwood Lake. The numbers drop from 32 at one site to 16 at the other which is the largest change. Some of the causes that contribute to this problem being the loss of the canopy and the run off of phosphorus and salt from the roadway. Birmingham said that the testing will continue. Birmingham reported that the Morris County School of Technology and Environmental Sciences will start an Academy based in Jefferson sometime in November or December. This is a great opportunity for the study of the nature, the environment and resources in the Township.

Sanchelli reported that he attended the Liquor License meeting this evening with the owner of the Windlass regarding the renovation of the premises. Sanchelli reported that everything looks good and they are on target with the renovations to reopen some time in July.

Merz reported that she also attended the Liquor License meeting this evening with Sanchelli regarding the Windlass. Merz commented that she appreciates this process of having preliminary meetings with the licensees and it is a very effective way to keep all the paperwork in order along with meeting all the requirements.

Merz reported that she hopes to see the Stigma Free signs up in Jefferson shortly.

Administrative Reports of Mayor and Administrator

Leach said that the Administration has met with the Commander of the American Legion regarding plans to do some work on the grounds of the Post in preparation for the Memorial Day parade.

Leach reported that the solid waste and recycling specs have been completed and the bids should be going out shortly. The garbage pick up will be set for twice a week with recycling single stream once a week. There will be prices presented for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 year contracts.

Leach reported that three more police retirement resolutions will be on the next Agenda. The goal is to have 2 recruits from the Police Academy and to put out an advertisement for transfers from other police departments.

Leach said that Joanne Meyer and Kristine Wilsusen, the Health Educator, have been working on the information to be placed on the Township website for the Stigma Free Jefferson. The signs will also be put up next week.

Leach reported that the new police cars were delivered and should be on the road shortly.

Miscellaneous/Public Portion No one came forward.

New Business

Jefferson Township Email and Electronic Messaging Policy –

Addition of Disclaimer to Township Emails

Yocum explained that this type of message is now being placed on the emails in many municipalities to let the public know that any communication, absent a specific privilege, is subject to the Open Public Records Act and may be disclosed. Leach said

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

59

that he will have this placed in the Email Policy and also automatically added to all outgoing emails.

Utility Easements: Camp Jefferson Water Main Extension

Leach explained that a few options were explored and this is the option that seems to be the one that will work the best. The legal descriptions have been prepared by the DPW and will be forwarded to Cohen. The Council asked that the easements be prepared and placed on the next Agenda.

Old Business:

Liquor License Renewal Condition: I Said Corp t/a Mason Street Pub: Tent on Licensed Premises

Herb Moore, came forward as a representative of the Mason Street Pub. Moore said that his wife, Susan Moore, could not be present this evening. Sanchelli said that he met with Mr. Moore and this topic was discussed. Yocum said that the Council would need to know the date the tent would go up and down. Moore said April 15 to November 1. Yocum said that if other businesses are putting up tents, then Mr. Moore should not be treated differently. Dunham asked Moore about the tent that is currently up on the property. Moore said that a smoking tent is up and Merz said there are 2 picnic tables under the tent. Dunham said that was an issue last year and it was previously taken down in 2014. Merz said that in 2014 Mr. Moore was given 48 hours to remove all tents. Yocum questioned whether a 10x10 tent should be regulated. Dunham said that this tent was part of the discussion last June. Merz said that last June it was established that parking spots was diminished as a result of this tent. Cohen said that Mason Street Pub currently has a restriction that states no tents can be placed. If the Council removes that restriction, there is an additional issue, a site plan is needed before the Board of Adjustment. Cohen said that tents cannot go up until Moore files for an application before the Board of Adjustment. Yocum asked if the Council could propose a motion to vote on a tent, from April 15 to November 1 with approvals of Board of Adjustment. Leach said that the police would like hours of operation added.

Merz asked Moore if he holds the license in his name. Moore said that it is in his wife's name. Merz said that she has an issue that the Council is continuing to discuss this with Mr. Moore and he does not hold the license. Merz said the Council is talking about the tent but there are many restrictions on the license including the port-o-johns. Merz said that since last year there have been 6 direct calls regarding the establishment. There is also non-compliance regarding the Health Department and the septic.

Cohen said there is a procedural issue, Mrs. Moore is the owner of the license. Mr. Moore said that his wife is sick this evening and his attorney could not be here this evening. Cohen said that the Council can consider this issue without the owner present.

Motion: Amend Restrictions on I Said Corp. Liquor License to allow a Tent, pending approvals by the Board of Adjustment and/or Site Plan, Variance, from the period 4/15 through 11/1 with hours of service from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

Mr. Dunham	Nay
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Nay
Vice President Merz	Nay
President Yocum	Aye

Motion defeated.

Cohen explained that the smoking tent must be removed immediately. Moore can apply to the Board of Adjustment for the smoking tent but not for consumption. Moore asked who he can complain to about the tents at other establishments. Cohen said there are proper officials within the Township to speak to regarding zoning complaints. Cohen said these individuals may not be violating the law.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

60

Ordinances for First Reading:

ORDINANCE 15-15: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ROBERT HAMANN, KNOWN AS BLOCK 175, LOT 1 IS OFFERED FOR ADOPTION ON FIRST READING WITH SECOND READING AND FINAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 10, 2015

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolutions

Resolution #15-43: Resolution Determining The Form And Other Details Of Not Exceeding \$1,600,000 Water Bonds, Series 2015, Of The Township Of Jefferson, In The County Of Morris, New Jersey, And Providing For Their Sale To The New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust And The State Of New Jersey And Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Agreements In Connection Therewith

(60-A)

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #15-44: Resolution of the Township of Jefferson, State of New Jersey County of Morris, Authorizing the Township of Jefferson Tax Collector to Prepare And Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C. 72

(60-B)

Motion: Merz, second Sanchelli

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #15-45: Resolution Accepting Administration's Personnel Policy and Procedures; Chapters 1, 2 and 3

(60-C)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #15-46: Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$7,485,997 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Jefferson, In The County of Morris, New Jersey

(60-D)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #15-47: Approval of Bills

(60-E)

Motion: Merz, second Dunham

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015

61

Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Motion: Approval of PO No. 15-00316 Headley Lumber - \$135.31

Motion: Birmingham, second Yocum

Mr. Dunham	Not Voting
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #15-48: Authorize Passage of Consent Agenda

(61-A)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Birmingham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Resolution #15-49: Authorize Execution of Codicil to Jefferson Township PBA Agreement between Township of Jefferson and Township of Jefferson Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 190

(61-B)

Motion: Sanchelli, second Yocum

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Miscellaneous/Public Portion

No one came forward

Adjournment at 8:26 p.m.

Motion: Birmingham, second Dunham

Mr. Dunham	Aye
Mr. Sanchelli	Aye
Mr. Birmingham	Aye
Vice President Merz	Aye
President Yocum	Aye

Dated: May 20, 2015

Attested:

Approved:

Lori Harvin, Township Clerk

Richard W. Yocum, Council President